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MEN HAD GRIEVANCE

LIGHT ON THE RECENT BRITISH RAILROAD TROUBLES.

Wages of the Workers Shown to Have Been Ridiculously Low, Compared With Earnings of Lines.

Statistics published by the board of trade in England shed a great light on the labor troubles that have recently agitated the United Kingdom. A royal commission is now wrestling with the problem. Its appointment ended what promised to be the most gigantic industrial upheaval in the country's history.

The figures, taken from the board of trade abstract of labor statistics, show that while the railroads' profits are enormous and constantly increasing the wages of the men are ridiculously low and show no corresponding increase—hardly any increase at all.

The profits of the railways in one year, 1910, according to the authority, Chiizza Money, were \$236,000,000, while the increase in the pay of the men per week in 1909 over 1899 was only 1½ cents each. In 1899 the average weekly wage was \$6.445. In 1909 this had been advanced to only \$6.49. This included Sunday pay and overtime allowances.

These figures apply to the 400,000 workers of fifteen companies in England and Wales. In Scotland the average wage was lower. In 1900 it was \$5.72 a week and in 1909, \$6.825. Workers in Ireland were in a still worse condition. Their average earnings amounted to \$4.865 in 1900 and \$4.97 in 1909.

In the face of these figures is the fact that in the last few years in the United Kingdom the cost of living has increased 10 per cent.

Two additional causes assigned for the discontent manifested by the workingmen are shown in the following parallel:

The dividends of the railways keep on increasing.

The working hours for the men are notoriously long.

The board of trade, according to an English financial expert, begins to tabulate hours as excessive only when they are more than thirteen a day. An inquiry last year showed that one-fifth of the workers were on duty for periods of thirteen hours or more on 29,369 occasions. According to this same authority, had the surplus earnings in 1910 over 1909 been devoted to wages, the average increase to the men per week would have been 62½ cents.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants issues a census of wages. The same ground covered by this census applies to standard weekly wages, exclusive of overtime, and thus the returns are lower. A table prepared by this authority shows that the wages of 113,800 of the 260,000 workers included in the returns average about 60 a week.

Wages in Greece.
There is a prevalent notion that the cost of living in southern Europe is very much lower than it is in the United States. The notion probably had its origin many years ago and was based upon superficial observations of travelers. The mere fact that hundreds of thousands of emigrants leave southern Europe for America every year would seem to indicate that the economic conditions of ordinary life are easier in America than in southern Europe.

The following statements of daily wages in the different fields of ordinary labor in Greece and the cost of necessities on the retail markets may be of interest: Clerks in offices receive up to \$40 and clerks in stores, up to \$20 per month. Domestic servants, men, receive \$10 to \$15; and women, \$6 to \$8 per month. Wages per day follow: Street car conductors and drivers, 70 cents; gasons, \$1 to \$3; carpenters and cabinetmakers, 70 cents to \$1.20; currant packers, men, 75 cents to \$1, and women, 35 to 50 cents; stevedores, \$1.75; ordinary laborers, 70 to 90 cents; house painters, \$1 to \$2; boatmen, 80 cents; field laborers, in winter, 60 cents; in spring, 70 to 80 cents; in summer, 40 to 50 cents.

Wasting Time and Money.
Incident of an idle hour. No noise, no trouble, no nothing. Telephone rings violently. Voice at the other end: "The party that wanted you rang off."

"Did any one want me?"

"Yes. The party rang off."

A call is made. The voice: "Number please?"

"Give me Main two-naught."

"Two-oo-ee?"

"Oh, yes—make it two-oo-e."

Pause of forty seconds. Then:

"Chief operator."

"Chief operator. I understand some one who called for me rang off. Can you find out who it is that wanted me?"

"Yes, sir, I'll try. As soon as I find the party that called for you I'll call you."

"That's all. Nothing happens. No one comes. But it's charged up as business and goes into the expense account somewhere as 'service.'"

The Earth's Core.
From the varying transmission of earthquake vibrations, Prof. Welchert concludes that the earth's core is a mass of iron or steel 5,580 miles in diameter. This is surrounded by a strong shell 930 miles thick around which is a liquid or plastic layer with an outer limit of about 20 miles below the surface.

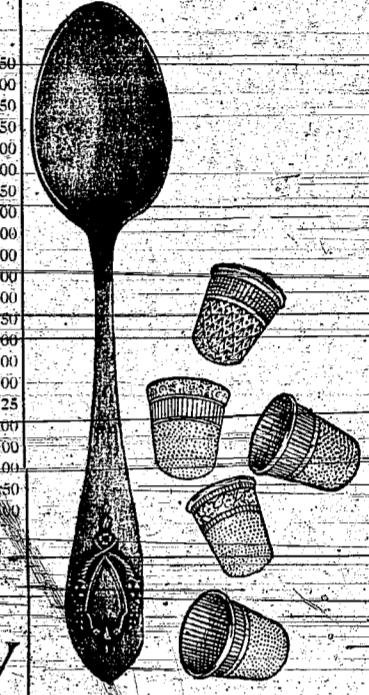


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Now, Mothers, we are going to close out our **CHILDREN'S SUITS**

as we are not going to keep childrens clothing any more. Dress up your boy now; every suit will be closed out at cost; no leftovers, they are only about two months in our store.

Just a few prices. Suits that we sold for \$2.75, will be closed out now for \$1.50. Latest makes. Don't miss seeing them.

We have but 3 Men's Black Kersey Overcoats left; coats are worth \$12.00 to 15.00, while they last \$8.98. Men's Pants, in working and dress, at great bargains

We will also sell our Shoes at great reductions. Lots of Fine Toys and X-Mas Goods. X-Mas Tree Trimmings.

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GRAYLING, MICHIGAN

IS NEW ENGLAND DECADENT?

It Has Changed Greatly and Large Families No Longer Are In Fashion.

The old familiar question of the decadence of New England is up for discussion again.

What people really mean, of course, by New England's "decadence" is that New England has greatly changed in the past generation. And changed it has. There are probably few of our grandmothers now alive who never rode on a railroad train, although many nice elderly ladies could be found in the rural districts as late as 1880 who had never enjoyed the thrilling experience. We remember one who refused to risk her life in that fashion not so very long ago. Bless her! she was of the good old New England stock whose passing is now so much deplored. She lived 85 years and never traveled 30 miles away from the place where she was born. New England has certainly changed now that her type is no more.

But it is upon the gradual disappearance of the old Yankee families that some of the critics of New England place the chief stress. Grandmother had ten children. Her sons and daughters when married averaged four or five children. Her grandsons and granddaughters averaged two. Her greatgrandchildren promise to have none. There is something in this gentle accusation, but it simply means that New England is changing rather than declining. Many of the sons and daughters of New England two generations ago went to the western wilderness and developed it into the mighty group of commonwealths that we see on the map today. The others who stayed at home left the old hillside farms for the growing New England towns and cities where large families were not so needed as in the rural homes of their ancestors. The town dwellers became rich in trade and manufacturing and there was already a never-failing stream of foreign immigrants to do the crude and heavy work of industrial development. Consequently the economic demand for large native families fell off and Yankees wives became better mothers by not being worked overtime—Springfield Republicans.

Too Literal.
"It certainly is a dirty, mean chancery," cried the young woman who had thought that life was going to be grand, sweet song.

"My darling girl," cooed her mother, hopefully, "what is the matter?"

"What's the matter? Everything! Before I married Edgar I made him promise to spend every evening at home with me."

"Yes, my child. And he is already false to his word, and—"

"Not a bit. He sticks to them too literally. He says he's sorry, but he isn't even take me to the theater without breaking his word!"

Latest in Can Openers.

The man who invented tin cans made it necessary for somebody to invent an opener. This was done and the money corrallated. A can-opener is a very important thing in the using, but the public is always ready to pay for things that are made easier. So, just recently, an inventive genius made it with a seam just below the top, and when the owner wants it open he has to strike it a blow where the seam breaks and the top is off. A single Chicago packer ordered 10,000.

100 of these cans as an experiment, and others followed suit. The inventor has a fortune.

Literary Confession.

He had displayed his chum-in-a-small vermin college, and his punishment consisted in being "ducked" in the fountain. The usual inquisition before the faculty found all the subjects present. With a sufficiently disguised brown the president turned to the boy who was supposed to be the ringleader, and asked:

"What part did you have in this prank?"

And the dignity of the meeting departed without ceremony when the boy smiled and answered:

"A leg, sir." —Woman's Home Companion.

An Endless Chain.

"We're kind of irritated at our flat," said the worried looking man.

"What's the trouble?"

"Our children keep the next door neighbors awake, so they pass the time by playing the piano; that makes the pet dog next door to them bark, and that keeps the children next door awake, and there's so much noise through the building that there's no chance whatever of our children going to sleep."

Quilt for a Child's Bed.
A quaint quilt for a child's bed can easily and quickly be made by sewing together handkerchiefs on which are printed bright pictures representing nursery rhymes. Rip out the hem of 12 handkerchiefs and join together. Make a border of some pretty light calico, and you have a quilt large enough for a bed of four-and-a-half by two and a half feet. A quilt made this way forms an amusement for the child, and can be easily washed, as the handkerchiefs are fast colors.—The Housekeeper.

Executioner, Do Your Duty.
Those Chinese revolutionists certainly take the cake!"

"Why do they take the cake?"

"I suppose they take the cake because they don't like Pu-Yi."

We Couldn't Guess.

"When I marry," said the girl, "I am not going to marry a man who drinks, smokes, plays cards or who belongs to a club. Still, I want him to have a good time."

"Good time?" he asked.—Ladies' Home Journal.

BAKER WINS IN STATE GRANGE

RE-ELECTED MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPITE OF "REGULARS."

BAKER IS NOW AFTER-PRESIDENT HULL'S CHAIR.

Hot Resolution Passed Calls on President Taft to Dismiss Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

The insurgents in the state grange meeting at Kalamazoo have won what they are calling a glorious victory. Speaker-Baker of the legislature, who with Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner Helme, are the direct-genuines of the insurgents, was re-elected a member of the executive committee after an unusually bitter contest, the like of which the grange has not, before known. No sooner was the result announced than it was determined that the gathering will soon begin organizing a coalition to succeed N. P. Hull as state master, who was re-elected a year ago for a second, two-year term.

Secretary of State Philander C. Knox addressed a gathering of women at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on one of the last acts of the convention before the final adjournment was to adopt a resolution calling on President Taft to insist on the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, because the latter presided at the Brewer's international convention in Chicago last October.

State Master Hull is reprobated as the head of the new insurgents, that would gladly separate the two leaders of the straight-out insurgents from the order if they could find a way to do so.

Dairy Department Saves \$5,444.

Commissioner G. M. Dame, of the state dairy and food department, submitted a report to Gov. Osborn relative to pure food inspection and the general work of the department, in which is shown a material reduction in the expenses of the department and an increase in the inspection.

Comparing expenses for the first five months of the fiscal year, with the same period last year, the commissioner shows a saving of \$6,444.45, the number of inspections made since July 1 more than double the work of any like period in the history of the department.

"There were 1,748 inspections during November, and samples analyzed in the laboratory and the department has condemned patent medicines, other drugs, coffee, flour, corn syrup, maple syrup, soft drinks, canned salmon and other food stuffs.

Submits Report to Gov. Osborn.

The Michigan employers' liability and workingmen's compensation commission, which has been investigating and studying that subject for several months, completed its report, which includes the draft of a bill that will be submitted to the next legislature, and forwarded it to Gov. Osborn. A request was made that the commission be authorized to make public its findings, but as the governor was not in Lansing, the commission decided to withhold making the report public until he authorizes it.

Members of the commission are confident that the bill will meet with general favor and they declare that it is a bigger step than has been taken by any state.

Wiseacre Will Not be Released.

"Wolf," Whachers' alias "Doc" Adams, will not be released from Marquette prison on parole. The board of pardons in session at Jackson prison vacated the action taken by that body at Marquette, in which a parole was granted the imprisoned man.

In discussing the latest action of the board members of the body stated that their action was vacated because of the fact that they have information which they did not have at the time the parole was granted.

Crawls for Help.

Crawling about three blocks on her hands and knees to a neighbor's home and telling them her story about the three other members of her family and a roomer being overcome by gas, Mrs. John Moore, 50, probably saved the lives of her husband, John Moore, 45, her father, John Webster, 75, her 10-year-old son, John Jr., and John Burk, 25, a roomer.

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urging the decision of the interstate commerce commission final, excepting for possible appeals to the United States supreme court.

Three bankruptcy cases are listed in Bessemer, one of which is filed by the Michigan Lumber Co., and which involves lands and lumber close to the \$1,000,000 mark.

A distinctive feature of the fifteenth international congress on hygiene and demography, which will be held in Washington next September, is the health exhibition. The exhibit will be held in a building to be erected near the Washington monument under the joint auspices of the congress and the Red Cross.

Fire destroyed several mercantile houses in Bluefields, Nicaragua, including those of A. Bernard of New Orleans, the Central American Trading company, the offices of the Bluefields Steamship Co., and the Hotel Peterson. The damage is estimated at \$300,000.

The full United States circuit court overruled the demurred interposed by the "sugar trust" to the government's dissolution suit, and the defendants were directed to answer the complaints. The court then heard arguments on the demurred filed by the "steamingly true" in the government's dissolution suit.

Jerry A. Wolfe, assistant state fire marshal, spent one day investigating conditions in Ionia. He made an on-the-examination of the city and several orders are expected relative to buildings which must be torn down.

In an opinion handed down in the mandamus of the board of supervisors against County Clerk Kracht, of Macomb county, to compel him to pay an attorney fee bill for Deputy Sheriff Messmore, Judge McKay upheld the county clerk. He decided that the sheriff is supposed to enforce the state laws, hence the county is not obliged to pay the expense incurred.

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GENERAL NEWS IN BRIEF

The Christmas present of Judge Elbert H. Gary of New York to his wife is a necklace of 100 perfect pearls, worth not less than \$500,000.

Nearly \$2,750,000 has come to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology during the last year in gifts and bequests, according to the annual report of President McLaurin.

Hardin B. Littlepage, one of the few surviving participants in the great marine battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac, died at his home in Washington. He was 70.

Gov. Judson Harmon of Ohio will speak in Milwaukee January 15 on democracy, according to announcement made by A. A. Allen, Gov. Harmon's representative in Wisconsin.

Only about 35 per cent of Boston school children are physically normal, according to Dr. William J. Gallivan, of the board of health. Out of 101,000 children in the public schools, 43,000 have been examined and 28,000 of these found "defective."

Five thousand dollars for Miss Alice V. Houghton, an employee of the census bureau, whose scalp was badly lacerated last spring when her hair caught in revolving machinery at the bureau, is included in the supplementary estimates submitted to Congress by the department of commerce and labor.

Secretary of State Philander C. Knox addressed a gathering of women at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York, on problems of the diplomatic service.

The meeting was held by the woman's department of the National Civic Federation, and is the first of a series to be addressed by various members of president's cabinet.

Pupils graduate and working boys and girls, locked to four public schools in Chicago where the school board inaugurated its plan for social amusements. It is hoped thus to overcome the evils of the public dance hall. At three of the schools the young people danced. At all the plan was declared a success.

In the ruins of the Robin Hood mill at Moose Jaw, Sask., which was destroyed by fire, was found the charred body of Robert Nese, millwright. Besides the flour mill, the fire destroyed the oatmeal mill, cooperage plant, the elevator, with 100,000 bushels of grain, and smaller buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$500,000.

The United States now is among the leaders in rapid battleship construction, according to Chief Naval Constructor P. M. Watt in his annual report. Time was when it was said American battleships were so long building they were obsolete by the time they were commissioned. The

change is attributed to the adoption of good management.

Many lawyers from various parts of the country to the supreme court chambers in Washington to attend a memorial meeting in honor of the late Associate Justice James M. Harlan, Augustus E. Wilson, the retiring governor of Kentucky, the jurist's state president, Solicitor-General Lehman and Senator Bailey.

Dr. Boris Sidis recently asserted that he could produce a prodigy from any American child of average intelligence under his system of development. His son William J. Sidis, when ten years old, passed into the Massachusetts Institute of Technology because the age limit at Harvard kept him from entering. When he was a freshman at Harvard young Sidis lectured on the mathematical problem of the fourth dimension. Among the learned professors in the special audience was the late William James.

The largest order for steel pipe ever placed in the world—it is believed, has been let by a Calgary, Alberta, firm, which has orders from the United States Steel Corporation 200 miles of pipe at a cost of about \$2,000,000, to carry natural gas from Roy Island to Calgary. Shipment which will require 2,500 cars, will begin January 1, 1912, and will be completed within six months.

The Georgia railroad commission has approved the \$47,000,000 stock and bond issue of the Georgia Railways & Power Company, a corporation

of numerous Georgia water power and electric concerns, financed largely by New York, Boston and Canadian interests. The company asked permission to capitalize at \$27,000,000 and issue \$30,000,000 in bonds.

The former was cut to \$17,000,000 while the latter was approved.

The Georgians were exchanged in Washington by Great Britain, Russia, Japan and the United States, of the quadrilateral treaty for the protection of seals in the north Pacific and Indian seas. Under this treaty pelagic sealing will be terminated and the taking of seals will be regulated by the four governments. Congress will have to appropriate \$10,000 to compensate Japanese and Canadian sealers for the abandonment of sealing.

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Forty Thousand Dollars of Money That I Toiled and Schemed and Saved for Gone Into the Pockets of Loafing Thieves.

The LASH OF CIRCUMSTANCE

By HARRY IRVING GREENE
Author of "Yosonde of the Wilderness"
Illustrations by Magnus G. Kettner

Synopsis.

Abner Halliday, a miserly millionaire, is found snuffed, bound and insensible inside his room. The story is taken by his nephew Tom. Living in the same house are other relatives: reckless Bruce, who is a bond broker; has been trying to raise \$10,000 to put through a deal and save himself from financial ruin. He has applied to his uncle for help, but is refused.

CHAPTER III.—(Continued.)

"My God! My God!" Forty thousand dollars of money that I toiled and schemed and saved for gone into the pockets of loafing thieves. And I was going to put it in the bank the first thing Monday morning. Oh, it's terrible—terrible." He fell to rolling his head and cracking the joints of his fingers in mental agony as the officers looked down upon him in mingled pity and contempt. Presently he recovered himself with a start and demanded to know about his papers; and this time I was glad to be able to tell him that so far as I had observed in my hasty scrutiny, nothing had been taken but the money. He seemed a trifle relieved for the moment at this information, but soon fell back into his lamentings. It was one of the most lamentable sights that I ever looked upon, exhibiting as it did all that was deplorable in his nature. The captain cleared his throat and began his examination.

"We have made a thorough inspection of the premises and cannot find that anything outside of the front rooms has been tampered with. All the windows of the unused lower portion are nailed down and the shutters fastened from the inside. The burglar alarm is in perfect order and would have notified the station had anything been forced open. The locks on the doors have not been broken, and they are of an intricate Yale pattern that could not have been picked. Everything goes to show that whoever entered did so by means of a key to the front door, since the rear door was bolted from the inside. If he did not unlock the front door it must have been left open, or else he was arrested in the house beforehand." He turned to Mrs. Tebbets. "Are you sure that everything was locked up last night, when you retired and that no outsider was secreted anywhere?" She burst forth eagerly.

"And indeed I am, sir. I was down-stairs all the evening, and if the front door had been open by so much as a crack I would have known it. I always notice such things. And there was not anybody in the house besides Mr. Halliday and myself, either. I swept the whole place yesterday afternoon, closets and all. If anybody had been under the bed my broom would have found him quick enough, the rogue." Noting these facts in his memorandum book the officer continued dogmatically:

"Then it comes down to this. Who ever did this must have done so by means of a key to the front door. The back door is still securely bolted from the inside, and your housekeeper says she has not had occasion to use it this morning. Therefore, it still remains as it was during the night. The lower windows are securely fastened; the upper ones could not have been raised sufficiently to admit a person without setting off the burglar alarm, and there are no other means of entrance. It could not have been done otherwise." There really seemed no

"I will make another careful inspection of the premises inside and out, and then put my men to work. I have a theory and you will hear from me later. I think the criminal will be in the clutches of the law very shortly. If you learn anything of importance, communicate it to me—Captain Donnell of the Twelfth precinct." Down the stairs they went, and from the window I watched them as they clumped around on the grass beneath in search of tell-tale clues. Fortunately they passed around the house and then chambered into the wagon.

"If this matter is ever solved, I don't believe it will be by them." I mused as I recalled the stereotyped and formula-like questions of their leader. "There is too much intelligence back of it for them. They will shell the woods aimlessly in the faint hope of driving out somebody, cast the dragnet and bring in a score of habitual criminals whom they will question and then turn loose, after which they will resume the even tenor of their way along the trail of some other rogue. Of course they may stumble upon something that will give them a straight tip, but I don't believe it." I turned again to the bed where Uncle Abner was threshing about like a fish out of water as he berated the thief without stint, and myself as liberally because I had not been at home to act as a buffer between the intruder and his wealth. It was exceedingly trying to me, and the housekeeper having straightened out his own bed, I was delighted to give him what assistance he needed to get into it. That done, I left him there in Mrs. Tebbets' care. Doctor Courtney still lingered, and I returned to my own apartments to discuss the peculiarities of the affair with him.

Perhaps half an hour had passed in

just now you find a good many trunks that are solid and rugged, well built, and well adapted to stand the strain of travel and rough handling, hard to smash. With this advance in trunk building the trunk smasher is somewhat overmatched, placed at a disadvantage, and so the trunk smashing trade goes, for a time at least, into decline; but a new and greater, and stronger breed of trunk smasher may at any moment arise, and if that day should come, then the trunk smasher will be again on top, and we shall

have a glorious revival of trunk smashing stories with modern frills and attachments."

Prince's "Pull" Abolished.

According to custom in China the members of the imperial family are above the law. Prince Can-Chi has been doing just as he likes recently, fortified with this immunity. There is not a biglante law that this interesting person has not broken, and at great recreation seems to have been

against a proposition like cocaine in wine, or a woman like Mrs. Dace, I run for the fence. They are too blamed seductive to fool with and I don't take any chances with them. She has got the beauty and graces of all the mythological goddesses combined, but that does not count for everything. If I remember rightly those mythological goddesses were a pretty bad lot."

With the instinctive desire that Clare had possessed to fly to his defense, I now felt myself surging to Mrs. Dace's. But I held myself in leash. Even assuming for the sake of argument that I should desire to make a fool of myself over her, what possible object could she have in encouraging me to such idiocy? I asked. He puckered up his mouth and thrust his hands deep in his pockets.

"Well, now, that is one of the funny things about women. Of course we don't know much about them, but we do know this: We know that the only reason they care for us is because they can't get anything better. If the gods came to earth, the only thing left for man to do would be to cast himself like swine into the sea. And therein is where we differ from womankind. Man doesn't want angels; plain mortal woman—providing she is good enough for him. But inasmuch as she can't achieve the gods on this earth at least, she turns to man as the next best substitute. Now you are a strapping young fellow, good-looking and all that, and such men have always interested women from the beginning. But remember, there are women and women. Take Clare, for instance. She is beautiful, too, and keeps herself looking as attractive as possible in order to make people like her. Yet she is as harmless as a butterfly. Some others aren't. You ought to know something of the species before you pick up a thing just because it's sunny—you might get stung."

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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21.

Now that Christmas time is here let us make ourselves happy by remembering those around us with little remembrances of the day. Selfish indeed is the man who hasn't time to pass on a cheery word to those about him and perhaps to those less fortunate than himself a more or less liberal remembrance of the occasion in the giving of a gift. Dickens' "Old Scrooge," the most miserable of old misers, was one of the most contented men after learning the art of Christmas cheer. Of course we have no "Old Scrooges" in Grayling but let us all remember to give a word of cheer to God's every living creature on this Christ's birthday.

Neighborhood News**Lovell's Locals.**

Mrs. Chas. Lee was a Lewiston caller recently.

T. E. Douglas and son Edgar were in Grayling one day last week.

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Additional Local News

It was an appreciative audience that greeted the Grayling Amusement Co. in "It's up to Freddy" last Thursday evening, under the management of Mrs. Ida Manney. It was a pretty little comedy full of college pranks and spirit as well as sentiment. The stage settings were very pretty with the walls decorated in the many colored pennants from many of the leading Universities and colleges of the country. Miss Ruth Barlow as leading lady won the audience as Marguerite Burnett, the most popular girl in the school, as well as her college chums, Miss Edna Brown, Miss Eleanor Anderson, Miss Louise Peterson, Miss Anna LaSprene and Miss Olga Peterson. Mr. Fred Alexander took the part of Grenville Lodge, the amateur play-right, and after much embarrassment and discomfiture wins the heart and hand of Marguerite Burnett. Clyde Hum was a real college ladie and Ambrose Mealltrip was clever as the young Englishman who fell in love with every girl he met. The specialties were good. Little Russell Manney sang "You can't guess what he wrote on my slate," in a modest maidenly way, and then surprised his companions by removing his disguise and saying, "How do you like me now, kids?" Mr. Geo. Ballenger brought down the house in his character songs and dances and was obliged to respond to an encore. Mrs. Manney has had many years experience in theatrical work and has proved herself an efficient manager.

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Doran—He's not on th' square.
Hogan—Phwat makes ye think so?
Doran—He's th' kind av a man th't can't look ye straight in the eye till yer back's turned.

VAIN EXPERIMENT.

Daughter—Pa, why do you let the furnace go out every evening Mr. Romance comes to see me?
Father—I am trying to freeze out the microbe of love, my deluded daughter.

NO ENCOURAGEMENT

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For sprains, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Chamberlains. Sold by all dealers.

Church Notes.

M. E. church; December 24th—Public Service subject, "The Promised Comforter," No. 3. Epworth League subject, "Christians in the heart," Leader, Mrs. S. S. Phelps Sr. Public Service subject, "Some Christmas thoughts."

REV. JAMES IVY, Pastor.

Presbyterian church, December 24th. Topic of morning sermon, "Providence Side Lights on the Nativity." A Christmas Meditation," C. E. topic, "The Christmas Spirit." Evening topic, "The Song of the Heavenly Choir or God's best Message to Man."

Dobbins—I see the physicians have announced that Jenkins will recover.

Bronson—Yes, the lawyer informed them that the estate was not large enough to go around.

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JOY IN SEEING BOY EAT JAM

Peculiar Attraction That Lures Customer to Particular Restaurant Day After Day.

"A boy who eats jam all over his face from eating it is the cause of my taking lunch at the same place every day," said a big man who carries a sunburst in his countenance.

"I have never forgotten when I was a boy, and I never see a real boy—I don't mean one of the fashion plates—that I don't feel like taking him in my arms. This boy I speak of comes from school every day about the time I get to the cafe for my lunch. His mother is cushion of the place. A lot of sweets are on the counter behind which she sits to take in the cash. When her boy comes in he goes behind the counter and climbs to a high stool. His mother has a lot of sandwiches with jam for fillers ready for him. He loses no time in getting away with the goods. In his eagerness and haste some of the jam sticks to his lips and about his mouth. He is the picture of a contented boy when he gets through.

"Then his mother applies a damp napkin and removes the overflow jam from his face. After this she kisses the younger and he is off to school.

Maybe I am an old fogey and a bit sentimental, but that boy jam eater and his mother's attention to him have made a regular customer for the little cafe. Just how it happens that the boy gets the same amount of jam on his face every day and in the same place I haven't figured out, and I don't care if I never do. We don't see enough of this sort of thing in this busy life of the great city."

NO USE FOR IT

"Wotcher enassin' so fer?"
"Oh! jest to git it out of me system."

A Father's Vengeance would have fallen on any one who attacked the son of Peter Bondy, of South Rockwood, Michigan, but he was powerless before attacks of kidney trouble. "Doctors could not help him," he wrote, "so at last we gave him Electric Bitters and he improved wonderfully from taking six bottles. Its the best kidney medicine I ever saw."

"Backache, tired feeling nervousness, loss of appetite, warn of kidney trouble that may end in dropsy diabetes or Bright's disease. Beware

Take Electric Bitters and be safe.

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the buyer will usually resolve on practical things. No need to waste your money on nick-nacks that are soon forgotten, and are usually a nuisance while they last. This store is well-known for its practical merchandise, and we invite you when you are looking for gifts to come in. Our Clerk's will be glad to show you good, practical and sensible things for presents, both in the general store and hardware department

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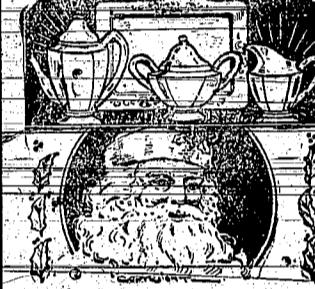
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the Gift of Gifts

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of all competitors, is what the people all say of PETERSON'S up-to-date Jewelry Store. They know that the cases and counters are well filled with every desired piece of Jewelry or Silverware that they can ask for.

Beautiful Christmas Gifts can be bought at all prices to suit all purses. We do not think that you can see our magnificent line of watches and rings without desiring to own one of them. Pay us a visit, it does not cost you anything to look at them.

**Christmas Time**

is always the "present" time and if you want to give some friend or loved one a good time buy the watch here and you will succeed.

Our Diamonds and Watches

are of the finest quality and will pass the most rigid test that experts can subject them to. We carry a large variety of gold and silver ornaments that are suitable for Christmas gifts for any age.

Because Jewelry is liked by every one.

As we said, it is the gift of gifts.

Here is a list that may help you with your decision:

Watches, Rings Necklaces, Combs**Chains, Charms Cuff Links, Belt Pins,****Umbrellas, Brooches Lockets, Pendants****Hat Pins, Scarf Pins Mesh Bgs, Vanity Cas's****Bracelets Toilet Sets****Military Sets Jewel Cases****Gold Pocket Knives Brushes****Manicure Sets Chafing Dishes****Cut Glass Silverware**

Let us show you our beautiful line of Solid Gold Emblem Charms, Buttons and Pins for Knights of Pythias, B. of L. F. and E., B. of R. R. T., O. R. C., F. and A. M., I. O. O. F. and Danish Brothers' Society.

We have a complete line of Sterling Silver and Silver plated flatware, holloware and novelties, including the well known Gorham and Towle Sterling ware, and 1835 R. Wallace, 1847 Rogers and Alvin Pl

X-Mas Bargains

December 15th to December 25th, 1911.

Outing Flannel Blankets, \$4.50, cut to	\$3.75
Outing Flannel Blankets, \$2.00, cut to	1.50
Outing Flannel, 10c, cut to	8c
Apron Gingham, 9c, cut to	7c
Dress Gingham, 12½c, cut to	9c
Prints, 7c, cut to	6c
Dress Goods at cut prices	
Children's Underwear, 25c, cut to	21c
Ladies' Hand Bags, good values, at cut prices	
Men's Sweaters, \$1.75, cut to	1.25
Boys' Sweaters, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Woolen Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	85c
Boys' Woolen Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
16 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.75, cut to	3.00
12 in. Leather Top Rubbers, \$3.50, cut to	2.75
8 in. Leather Top Rubber, \$3.00, cut to	2.25
Ladies' Underskirts, all wool, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Working Shoes, all sizes, per pair	1.00
Men's Fancy Shirts, \$1.00, cut to	79c
Men's Fancy Shirts, 50c, cut to	39c
Men's Low Rubbers, \$1.85, cut to	1.50

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SHOES FOR LADIES
THE SHOE OF BEAUTY
THE SHOE OF QUALITY

Excellent care taken to see that you will get
A PERFECT FIT

JOHN O. COUDROW.

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FOR SALE**

A Fortune For Someone

An entire section in township 27 N R 2 W, one mile from R. R., near school; excellent fruit land and for general farming; well watered. A beautiful little lake well stocked with fish. A fine lot of timber for sawing and for wood. Can be bought for half its value—half cash and balance on time.

40 acres, fenced, stones under cultivation, 1 1/2 miles from village, \$600.00.

40 acres Oak Land, adjoining Grappling Park on Portage Lake, \$800.00.

Two desirable building lots on Ogemaw street, \$250.00.

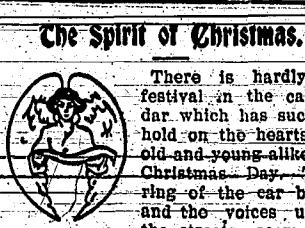
40 acres, good neighborhood, convenient to school and post office; one-third rich black muck land and balance good. A spring brook running through the tract. Title perfect, \$200.00.

80 acres SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 & NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 sec. 3, Grayling, good supply of stove wood on land; price and terms to suit.

40 acres in Beaver Creek, good house and stable; a good well and young orchard; and plenty of small fruit. A Bargain.

Franklin Aphorism:
If a man could have half his wished he would double his trouble.—Franklin.

O. PALMER



The Spirit of Christmas.

There is hardly a festival in the calendar which has such a hold on the hearts of old and young alike as Christmas Day. The ring of the car bells and the voices upon the streets seem to take on a more cheery tone, and the spirit of the time seems to throw a glamour over places and things which ordinarily are devoid of all beauty.

As it is with places, so it is with people. They too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellows.

The most interesting stories of Christmas are those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

The Christmas Spirit.

But don't you see that there is a Santa Claus! He isn't a man-in-a-fur-coat, and a reindeer-sleigh and all that, but he is the Spirit of Christmas, isn't he? They've personified that, and made a saint of him and invented legends about him—for the children, but when we're no longer children and don't believe in him, we still have that Christmas spirit—and it's that gives presents and makes us feel toward one another, and makes Christmas what it is.—Harvey J. O'Higgins.

We will pay three cents a Avalanche, clean cotton wiping rags.

The Joys of Christmas Time

By Kenneth Harris

Hark! the merry chimes are warning us that this is Christmas morning.

And it's time that we're rising,

though the hour isn't late;

Still, the kids will be flocking, each

to overhaul his stocking,

And there's odds or things we've

got to do that really cannot wait,

Let's indulge in dreamy musing on this joyous Christmastide;

Let us, while the bells are pealing, get up some real Christmas feeling,

Fill ourselves with sweet emotions that are not quite cut and dried

True, the minutes fast are gliding, but, consarn 'em, let 'em glide.

Think of these long weeks of waiting, all the glad anticipating

Of the gay and festive season that at last, at last is here;

Never resting, never stopping, in our mad career of shopping,

Crushed and elbow'd in the reeking crowds, that like ourselves are seeking

Just the very thing of all-things that their loved ones most desired;

Limp and dragged then emerging from the pushing, struggling, surging

Mob, with parcels overladen, reaching home at last, dog tired.

Those experiences may be best described as "most all-fired."

Yet no antiquated stoic showed endurance more heroic

Than we've manifested through the weary ordeal of that time;

We have stood the stress of barter with the courage of a martyr;

Now we find sweet compensation

Ist'ning to the Christmas chime,

Whose clear cadence, soft and mellow, seems to whisper to a fellow

That the worst is nearly over, that we soon may breathe again,

Soon may find succor of sorrow, and that, maybe by tomorrow

Or the next day, may be lifted something of this mental strain,

That a blessed sense of rest may soothe the tissues of our brain.

We have done with haste and flurry, no occasion now to worry.

Lest some sensitive relation may have been quite overlooked.

All the lists of names are checked and all the walls with green are decked, and

Now within a few short hours the Christmas dinner will be cooked.

Hall to Christmas! happy season! There is some substantial reason

To be gleeful at thy advent—the beginning of the end.

As thou comest wreathed with holly, we can certainly be jolly.

Welcome thee with feast and wassail, and in general unwind,

For we know that we have spent for thee the last cent we can spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to the people who were bringing

An endless string of packages from morn to dewy eve;

We no longer will be running to conceal those things with cunning;

And we'll lose our wonted air of having something up in our sleeves.

There will be a deuced litter when the goggaws gleam and glitter,

Or waste paper, string and cotton, from the kitchen to the hall;

But, with cohension elastic, we will grow enthusiastic

And wonder how they guessed, as on the donors' necks we fall,

Looking blissful over dewsdrops that we didn't want at all.

Ah, this blessed thing of giving! It is half the joy of living.

To watch the looks of gratitude and pleasure and surprise

That, at least to outward seeming, are upon loved faces beaming.

As the loved one opens his parcel and digs out his gaudy ties,

And the gentle wife and mother her emotion tries to smother.

When conducted by her husband, to some secret corner, where,

As a proof of fond affection, he has hid from her detection,

His gift to her, a cozy, costly, well-upholstered chair

(Of whose comforts, in the future, you may yet feel get his share).

Now this Christmas spirit moves us to sense that it behaves us

To keep forever bare platter and ill Destitution's cup.

Bring tort and pie and goodness to the homes of empty sadness!

To help out sweet Christmas charity who would not loosen up?

But it's highly aggravating—not to say exasperating,

When we've given most nobly and without thought of stint,

To find out, as we expected, that the modest are neglected

And our princely benefaction hasn't found its way to print.

(Certainly we didn't ask it, but a man might take a hint).

But away with sad reflection! This is no time for dejection.

Merry Christmas—happy Christmas, as we said, has come at last!

All the many tribulations, all the trials and vexations

That have crowded thick upon us for the last six weeks, are past,

Not a protest shall be uttered, though the house with toys is cluttered

And the kids are all parading to the sound of horn and drum,

Lusty lung and larynx voicing the extent of their rejoicing.

We will have to stand the racket now that Christmas day is come,

Later tone our nervous system at some sanitarium.

Thank the Giver if we're able to sit round a well-spread table,

Where the plump white-bosomed turkey sheds its savor through the room,

And pudding comes on smoking, and there's no end to the joking,

And no heart that harbors malice

And no mind o'ercast with gloom.

Let us be profoundly grateful that we have at least a plateful,

Grateful for the pepsi tablets that correct our Christmas cheer;

Hold it as among our mercies if there's coin left in our purses,

Be thankful for those dear to us and those who hold us dear.

(And most supremely thankful Christmas comes but once a year).

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CHRISTMAS IS A PROPHECY

It Forecasts the Perfect Social Conditions Which Will Fulfill the Promises of Christ.

Christmas is not only a fact commemorating the one sacred festival in the world's calendar, but the glorious prophecy of a coming day surpassing all the brightest social dreams that have ever visited the most advanced human mind.

He sprang, on His human nature side, from kings and peasants, from saints and sinners. He is yet to hit every peasant to the kingliest throne of character and transform the chief of sinners into the holiest of saints. He allied Himself with poverty and the common people. He is yet to banish poverty with all

its ills, from the world, and to give to common humanity their rightful sovereignty. He worked with His hands for His daily bread. He is yet to dignify and glorify in the thought of mankind all honest toil. He honored woman with His sympathetic and appreciative regard. He is yet to relieve her from every form of servitude created by the past ages. He took little children in His arms and blessed them. He is yet to make blessed the child-life in every welcoming home. He gave His peace to His distracted disciples. He is yet to make wars cease unto the end of the earth. He united His brethren with Himself and His Father in one unbroken oneness. He is yet to make every man a brother to his fellow-men and at one with His Father in Heaven.

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CHRISTMAS Week from next Monday Only tn Days left for Gift Buying

This Store with its vast variety of gifts affords the best possible advantages for
Quick Selection of Worthy Christmas Remembrances

Chafing Dishes A display of the latest achievements. Varieties from a beautiful inexpensive one to a complete outfit of all brass and copper, with latest generating burner and silver plated spoon and forks, with copper and ebony handle. Any young lady could be made glad with our Chafing dishes.	Perfumes We have all the odors in a variety of handsome packages. These always make handsome presents	Brushes Clothes and Hat Brushes, Sterling Silver Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors and Dressing Mirrors, from 50c to \$6.00
Sterling Silver Fine assortment of plain and Sterling Silver Ware. TOILET SETS, MILITARY SETS, SHAVING OUTFITS, all the latest novelties for the holidays.	Christmas Post Cards in endless variety	Hand Bags All the latest styles of Hand Bags to suit the most fastidious tastes, All kinds of leathers, and sterling silver and gold mountings
Beautiful Array of Cut Glass.	Thermos and Janus Bottles We have a fine assortment; small ones for individual use, to large ones for family use, nickel plated, beautiful and useful, will keep liquids, hot or cold, for many hours.	Candies In plain and fancy boxes, and in bulk
Carving Sets Fine Ebony and hammered brass handles	For Christmas Cigars, Pipes and Smokers Articles we are headquarters. A nice box of Cigars for father, brother and friend, also Smokers Brass Goods and Humidors	Refreshing Drinks While doing your Christmas shopping visit our Soda Fountain for delicious Ice Cream and Hot Drinks.
	Hot Water Bottles and Electric Heating Pads	Box Paper and Art Calendars Box Paper 35c, and large hand decorated art picture with each box

**Our Store was never before so beautifully arrayed
with Holiday Goods. Come early and get first choice. Prompt and courteous service**

THE CENTRAL DRUG STORE

**Your Breakfast
Will taste better**

IF YOU WILL ORDER
SOME OF OUR NICE
BACON AND FRESH EGGS

To begin with, we always buy the choicest meats, than
besides we know just how to put them up for you, so
that they will look nice and taste better. Send your
next order to this market.

Each purchase of 10c gets you a ticket that is good for a
chance on a set of dishes

Ground green bones for your chickens
We have just installed a green bone grinder and can
furnish this excellent egg producer at
10 pounds for 25c

Additional Local News

S Our merchants report a splendid holiday trade.

Methodist Christmas Program.

M. ng SK: **CANDIES**

Prices range from 25c
per box up to \$10.00 a box

RIDES

PIPES

Swell Meerschaum for \$6.00

CIGARS
Get the thing for some friend who smokes
From 50¢ a box
to \$4.00 a Box

While doing your Christmas shopping visit
OUR SODA FOUNTAIN
for delicious hot and cold drinks, also hot
Bouillon and Beef Tea.

Olaf Sorenson & Sons

Miss Vera Crandall entertained about twelve of her young lady friends at a "Stag" party last Friday evening. Of course, as may be imagined, the girls had dressed in their (?) beat suits and impersonated the male sex while on their good behavior." A real enjoyable time was had. After refreshments Mr. Wingard

A Trust Foundation. Health, honesty, heroic sense and hard work is a combination you can't down. If your rival has these qualities, form a trust with "him" - Atchison Globe.

Proof Positive.
Stella - "Are they wealthy?" Bella - "They gave baby an auto tire to

THE Keeley Cure **LIQUOR MORPHINE**
32 Years Success. **WRITE FOR**
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Buy Your Christmas Presents AT OUR STORE

We have a fine line and our prices are low. Gifts pricing from 10c to \$15.00. Perfumery from 10c to \$5.00. Ladies Hand Bags, Toilet Sets, pretty hand-painted Calendars, Cigars in Chrismas boxes for the Gentlemen, Box Candy, Tinsel, Bells, etc. for decorating. Also a nice line of books

A. M. LEWIS & CO.

Crawford Avalanche.

GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 21

Local and Neighborhood News.

Additional local news on page six.

R. W. Brink was in Bay City on business Tuesday.

It will pay you to look over Hathaway's bargain window.

Father Riess was called to Gaylord on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt was in Bay City last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Ethel Troubridge is home from Ypsilanti to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Crowley offers all her \$5 and \$10 hats at \$2.50, and \$3 and \$4 hats at \$1.50.

Rev. and Mrs. James Ivey will spend Christmas with their daughter at Indian River.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Walton will spend Christmas with Mrs. Walton's parents at Romeo.

A. Kraus & Son have an ad on the last page of this paper and are quoting prices. Don't fail to read it.

Mrs. Turner of Vanderbilt is visiting her daughters, Mrs. Joe Leadbetter and Mrs. Roy Barber and families.

Genius holly wreaths all ready to hang up in your windows or for decorating, twenty cents each at Olaf Sorenson & Sons'.

Miss Carrie Johnson, who has been in the Company's office since last June, left yesterday for Flint to spend the holidays with her mother and sisters.

Miss Francesca Wingard has taken a position at the model bakery. Just now she is helping out in the candy making department, dipping chocolates.

The usual "every other Friday night" party was held at the rooms of the Grayling Social Club last week and a pleasant time spent in card playing and dancing.

A beautiful French doll is going to be given to the person guessing the nearest number of marbles in a glass jar at the Model Bakery. The doll is a large one, dressed in the latest French fashions from shoes to millinery.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Newman of Brown City are expected here tonight for a day's visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lewis. They are on a wedding trip and expect to leave for Wisconsin Friday. Mrs. Newman is a sister of Mr. Lewis.

Christmas services at St. Mary's Catholic church will be: First mass at 5 o'clock, second mass at 6:15 a.m. (in hospital chapel); and the third mass at 10:00 a.m. Confessions will be heard on the previous evening at 7:00 p.m.

The boys at the band will have put up a Christmas tree and at odd times have been decorating it. We haven't heard just when they expect Santa Claus to finish the decorating, but surely he won't pass by this beautiful display without something to gladden the hearts of the boys.

We thought that Christmas was next Monday, but according to Olson's ad on page six it is one week from next Monday. Now we believe that some school boys and girls should go into the Central Drug store and inform them that they have made a mistake and that Christmas is next Monday, so that Mr. Olson and Mr. Rosier won't forget to hang up their stockings next Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brink entertained the Married People's Card club last Monday evening. About twenty-five were present and enjoyed a good time. The home was tastily decorated in holly and Xmas bells. A delightful luncheon was served and Mrs. Brink says that there was nothing dainty about it. It was a good substantial lunch. Mrs. S. S. Phelps Jr. and Scott Loder won the head prizes and Mr. and Mrs. David Vernier, by their brilliant playing succeeded in capturing all other prizes of the evening.



Christmas Opening Only Three More Days

Do you realize that there is a very short time left to do your Christmas shopping? We urge you to visit our store and inspect the various departments. Every shelf and counter is loaded with practical gifts suitable for every member of the family.

We here quote a few of the numerous articles that are always acceptable:

For the Man	For the Lady	For the Boy	For the Girl
Fancy Ties, one in a box	Pretty Silk Waists	Shoes and Rubbers	Dresses
Fancy Suspenders, one pair in box	Skirts, Suits	Caps, Mitts, Ties	Furs, Mitts
Silk Scarfs, from 50c to \$2.50	Coats and Furs	Sweaters	Shoes
Kuit Scarfs, 25c and 50c	Muslim Underwear	Underwear	Fancy Ribbons
Smoking Jackets	Bags and Purse	Suits	Knit Caps
Bath Robes	Silk Scarfs and Veils	Overcoats	Handkerchiefs
Gloves and Mittens, from 25c up	White Aprons	Sweaters, Coats	Stockings
Fancy Socks	Kimons and Dressing Sacques	Sleeping Garments	Leggings
Sweaters, Caps	Gloves and Mittens	Hosiery	
Hats, Shirts, Handkerchiefs	Handkerchiefs		
Suit Cases and Trunks	Napkins and Table Linen		
Suits and Overcoats	Drawn Work		

For the Baby

Bonnets, Booties, Knit Caps and Sacques, Coats, Sweaters, Leggings

Hundreds of other articles that make presentable gifts. Bring your list, for not only will you find a larger and better selection, but we will save you money

GRAYLING MERCANTILE COMPANY

QUALITY STORE

Start an account at the Santa Claus bank. It pays valuable dividends.

Buy some of those holly boxes of A. M. Lewis & Co. They are fine to send presents in.

The Presbyterian church and congregation will observe Christmas in both services next Sunday.

Christmas Art goods. Stamped linens and all colors in floss, at MRS. CROWLEY'S.

ROUND-Pocketbook containing money. Owner may have some by proving property. At this office.

Pair of light logging sleighs for sale at \$15. Phone T. M. O'DELL, Post office address, Wellington, Mich.

Mrs. Carl Madison of Johannesburg has returned home after spending two weeks in Grayling at Mercy hospital.

Miss Lucy Branch, who is at Mercy hospital, is gaining rapidly, which was not expected by friends. We wish her speedy recovery.

The annual Christmas tree and Yule Tide program of the Presbyterian Sunday School will be held in the Presbyterian church Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

About five years ago F. G. Walton organized and conducted a juvenile band of sixty members, in Bay City, and it was a credit to that city. Mr. Walton is an excellent musician and teacher and we hope that his venture to start something similar here will materialize. Mr. Walton says that he wants good clean young men for this work and that rowdiness will not be permitted.

Any boy between the ages of eight and eighteen is qualified to join this juvenile band. Mr. Walton wants to get this work started soon after Christmas and desires that those interested call him up at his home, phone no. 341, and talk this matter over with him. Instruments may be procured at a moderate price and if desired can be furnished through Mr. Walton or through any music dealer.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all dealers.

Officers elected for the county Farmers' Institute held here December 6 and 7, are as follows: President, L. B. Merrill; secretary, Hugo Schreiber Jr.; vice-presidents: Grayling twp., Henry Pethausen and Chas. Corwin; Beaver Creek twp., John R. Skinsley and Hans Christensen; South Branch, O. F. Barnes; Maple Forest, William Felthauer and Frank F. Owens; Frederic, Wellington Batterton.

A beautiful miniature Santa Claus bank has been established in our store for the children, from now until Xmas we will issue purchase coupons and checks with each sale. Any one who dares to become a depositor will be given a bank book and permitted to deposit these coupons and checks in the Santa Claus bank. Valuable premiums will be distributed to the depositors according to the amount of coupons in the bank. Deposits may be cashed in for dividends at any time before Christmas.

Sorenson's Furniture Store.

Last Saturday afternoon Mike Brenner conducted an advertising scheme to catch the children and he had a crowd of youngsters that would have been the envy of the Pied Piper.

Probably more than five hundred boys and girls were down to the depot to meet the afternoon Michigan Central train from the north, expecting that Santa Claus would arrive from the north pole as advertised in this paper last week. Well, he came, with his big red suit and white whiskers and boarded a sleigh and invited as many kids as could get on, then away they flew with the others following as fast as they could. Old Santa furnished every kid on the sleigh with a tin horn that was lustily tooted until they reached Happy Mike Brenner's store where an improvised post office had been arranged and with Santa Claus as postmaster every boy or girl that passed his window was presented with either a letter or an autograph picture of himself. For forty-five minutes

there was a steady stream of children pouring through the store and they say that nearly seven hundred pieces of mail were given out. Mr. Brenner is a good live advertiser and knows how to interest the people. Everybody likes Mike and with such enter-



Christmas Dinner

ROAST TURKEY

ROAST DUCK

ROAST GOOSE

ROAST CHICKEN

ESCALLOPED OYSTERS

During the holiday season we will have the greatest sale of Christmas Candies ever held in Grayling.

1000 Pounds

await your order. This assortment is complete. Don't forget some of our Rock Candy for the children.

We were fortunate in ordering our Christmas Candies during the past summer, before the advance of sugar and it cannot be purchased at double price to-day.

It has just arrived and we are ready to give our customers the benefit of low prices.

BRINK'S GROCERY

We have them all and most

anything else you may need

in the meat line for a

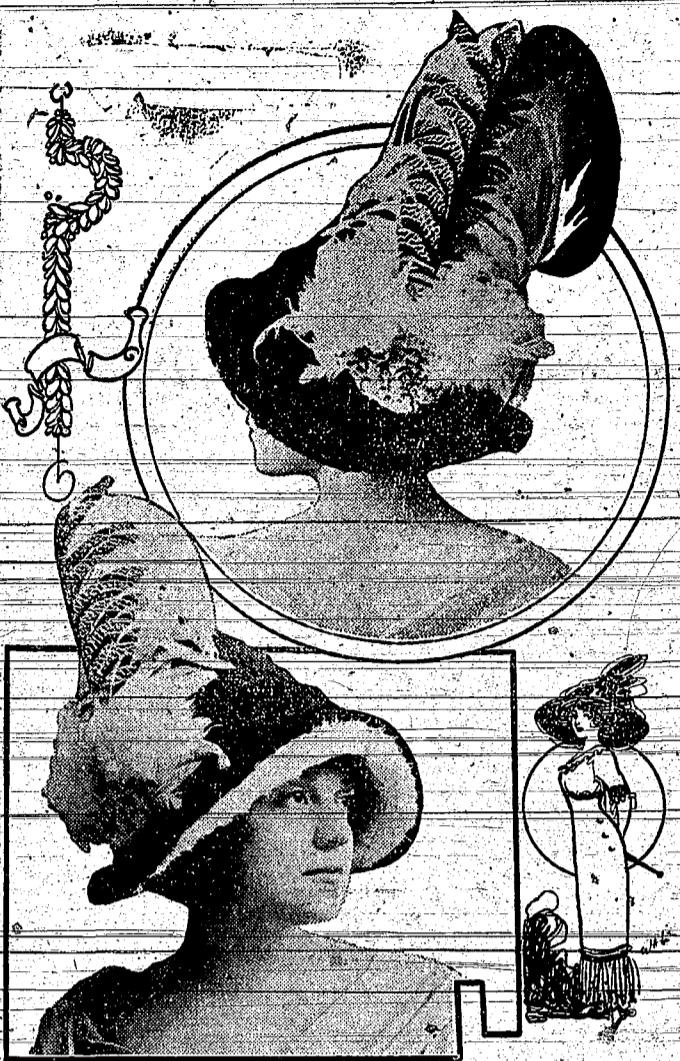
Grand Christmas Dinner

Don't wait but send in your

order at once.

F. H. MILKS

Fancy Feathers



EVERY season brings out many things new and strange in fancy feathers. As a rule these feather pieces are beautiful because the feathers from which they are made are beautiful, to start with, and because the designers of feather trimmings work with great enthusiasm. A successful piece means a great demand, which spells profit for the manufacturer. Then, the variety and beauty of the markings in natural feathers, and the wonderful changes which can be made in them by processes of bleaching, dyeing and piecing make possible an inexhaustible variety of design.

Makers of fancy feathers govern themselves, in a measure, by the hat shapes which prove to be popular. They follow the lead of fashion in

the matter of color because they must. Great quantities of white and black and white, pieces are designed and are salable every season. A well made fancy feather is a very satisfactory trimming. When hats must stand constant wear, there is nothing to be preferred before them. They stand wind and weather and many of them may even be successfully cleaned with soap and water.

The making of feather pieces is a great industry. All domestic fowls and many wild ones contribute plumage for this purpose. Feathers are so changed by clipping, bleaching, dyeing and by combination with other feathers that only the expert can tell what the original "raw" feathers came from.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

WINTER COSTUME



Of lettuce-green cloth and black velvet braided self color; green straw hat with black velvet brim and ostrich feather.

For Chapped Hands. A remedy for chapped hands taken from an old country doctor's notebook calls for one ounce each of glycerine and aqua roses, with six drops of carbolic acid.

GIVE THEM DEATH OR STYLE Merely to Be Clothed Does Not Come Near to Satisfying Ordinary Women.

But the variety and constant change in the shop, the known extent of the dressmaking business, and the piles of good clothes offered by the second-hand dealers and at the "rummage" sales prove the point to the least careful observer that merely to be clothed does not satisfy many of the feminine contingent. Not to be in the fashion doubtless seems to them a sort of living death. Of course it is all a great mistake.

We are glad to pass along the Republican's stringent rebuke that the yielding to doctored of a few people who make it their concern to orient business for the tradespeople and patronage for themselves "is slavery of a sort which commands the respect of nobody and the contempt of many," and to forward the plan that "to change this order of things and to cut the bridle that is escapable is a work

of striking novelties shown in this most approved of all colors for the winter.

Among the most striking novelties of the season are the gowns and tailored costumes of white corduroy, cloth or serge. White corduroy suits are made with little trimming other than buttons and clever manipulations of the material itself. Little marks in

which the thick ribs run horizontally make surprisingly effective decorations. On the cloth costumes corduroy is often seen in collars, cuffs and bottoms. Among the more unusual white cloth suits is one with bands of wide black silk braid running straight around the skirt and sleeves and adorning the large collar and revers. One of the handsomest of the white cloth gowns has a plain skirt, with a row of buttons of the same material down the left side. Although the lines of the skirt are of the straightest and it has the appearance in front of being almost extremely narrow, there is a single big pleat in the back that gives it considerable actual width. The waist of the gown is of a coarse hand-made lace, with a wide collar and cuffs of the cloth. There is a rather wide, shaped, stitched cloth belt, which is broken in front by the lace of the waist coming over it. A little satin vest and a stock, cascade and underskirt of fine creamy lace complete the dress.

Modish Heads Dressed Low. All modish Parisian heads are dressed low in these days. In fact, little curls are getting nearer the neck all the time. Heads are quite fat all around, the hair well drawn over the ears in tresses merely suggestive of the wave, for the Marcell has passed out long ago in Paris.

Plumes, too, are less worn on the head than formerly. Now it is the small cabochon of pearls or colored stones or round knot of mousseau, the best coiffeurs declaring that the hair should be its own garnish.

Merely to Be Clothed Does Not Come Near to Satisfying Ordinary Women.

But the variety and constant change in the shop, the known extent of the dressmaking business, and the piles of good clothes offered by the second-hand dealers and at the "rummage" sales prove the point to the least careful observer that merely to be clothed does not satisfy many of the feminine contingent. Not to be in the fashion doubtless seems to them a sort of living death. Of course it is all a great mistake.

We are glad to pass along the Republican's stringent rebuke that the yielding to doctored of a few people who make it their concern to orient business for the tradespeople and patronage for themselves "is slavery of a sort which commands the respect of nobody and the contempt of many," and to forward the plan that "to change this order of things and to cut the bridle that is escapable is a work

KING LEAVES DELHI

Indian Authorities Breathe Easier as Monarch Departs.

Bringing to a close the most magnificent durbar that has ever proclaimed the vassalage of India to Great Britain, King George and Queen Mary, new emperor and empress of India, took their departure from the new Indian capital. The Indian authorities who have charge of the safeguarding of the royal pair during their stay breathed a sigh of relief as the new emperor and empress departed.

Before leaving King George expressed his warm appreciation of the loyal sentiment of the Delhi people.

Simultaneously with the departure of the king and queen, the thousands of visitors who had come to witness the scenes of the investiture also began leaving.

Eighty-four Bodies Taken from Mine.

Twenty-one more bodies were found in the Cross Mountain mine, Briceville, Tenn., in which an explosion occurred a week ago Saturday morning. This brings the death list to 84, and President Stephenson of the Knoxville Iron company, owner of the mine, stated he believed this accounted for every man entombed. Five were rescued.

The company has claimed from the first but \$3,000 were in the works when the explosion occurred, but miners say there were more.

Charles F. Bronson, member of the Republican national committee from Connecticut, will resign soon.

THE MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.

DETROIT—Cattle—Market steady, bulls and steers \$1.50@2.00; lower; best steers \$2.00@2.50; good \$1.75@2.25; medium \$1.50@2.00; steers \$1.75@2.25; medium butchers \$1.00 to 1.25; common \$0.75@1.00; common feeders \$1.25@1.50; stockers \$1.50@2.00; calves—January 188—market steady—calves \$1.00@1.25; good \$1.25@1.50; medium \$0.75@1.00; fair \$0.75@1.00; common \$0.75@1.00; light \$0.75@1.00; light workers \$0.75@1.00; stages one-third off.

BUFFALO—Cattle—Market slow and steady, prime steers \$1.50@2.00; butchers \$1.00@1.25; lower; best steers \$1.75@2.25; good \$1.50@2.00; medium \$1.25@1.75; common \$0.75@1.00; sheep and lambs—sheep \$0.75@1.00; lambs \$0.75@1.00; Market active, \$0.75@1.00; good workers \$0.75@1.00; medium \$0.75@1.00; fair \$0.75@1.00; common \$0.75@1.00; light \$0.75@1.00; light workers \$0.75@1.00; stages one-third off.

CORN—CASH No. 2 red, \$1.12-12c; December, \$1.12-12c and declined to \$1.04-10c. Market active, \$1.12-12c; lost 1-14c, advanced 1-12c and closed at \$1.25-12c. January 188—No. 1 white, \$1.12-12c.

CORN—CASH No. 3, 1 car at 62c; No. 2 yellow, 1 car at 63c, closing at 63c.

CORN—CASH No. 4 yellow, 1 car at 62c; No. 5 white, 1 car at 62c.

CORN—CASH No. 6 white, 1 car at 62c.

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CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Beautiful Assortment of Gift Merchandise

Throngs of happy people and a prevailing spirit of good cheer throughout the store, all point to the nearness of the glorious Christmas festival. Do you realize that only three more days remain for you to do X-Mas shopping? We are determined that this month shall eclipse all former sale records for December. To that end we have

Inaugurated a Special Sale in every Department

offering values such as only this store is capable of giving.

Assortments each 50c, 75c and \$1.00

Art Department Specials
Tapestry Cushion Covers, top and bottom with tassels on corners .25

Gloves for Men, Women and Children

The most acceptable of Christmas gifts; every new and desirable style you can ask for, with value fully 25 per cent better than you will find elsewhere.

Ladies Fine Cape Gloves

in tan, black and gray, the best wearing gloves in the world, full assort-

ment of sizes, per pair

\$1.00, \$1.25 1.50

Buying and Selling for Cash

the greatest power on earth to reduce the price, is being daily demonstrated to our customers who are buying as never before knowing that they can save from 10 to 25 per cent at this store. Have you been convinced of our superiority of low-price-making?

Handkerchiefs

The biggest value ever brought to this city.

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border... 10c, 15c, 25c .50

Ladies' plain Linen Handkerchiefs with hemstitched border, 5c, 10c

15c and

Embroidered Handkerchiefs

Beautiful all linen Embroidered and hemstitched

Handkerchiefs, special

each at .15

Embroidered Handk. is at .50

Hand Embroidered Madina

Auriswyl embroidered

and hemstitched, Ard-

his hand embroidered .50

Embroidered Handkerchiefs

Ladies' all linen embroidered, initial Ardines hand embroidered, Medina hand embroidered each .25

Jewelry Department

We offer some beautiful new things in this department. Ring, Scarf pins, Belt Pins, Collar Pins, Beauty Pins, etc. from 10c to .50

Men's and Ladies' Neck-wear

Desirable for X-Mas gifts. Ladies' Jabots in the new side effects, silk and velvet Ties, Irish

Crochet Jabots and Collars, hundreds to select from, each .25

A beautiful Opossum Fur Set, scarf and muff for a strong serviceable Child's Coat, that is worth al-

most double; for A fine all wool Dress Skirt, in various styles, each 4.98

Ladies' Silk Hose .50

Men's Silk Hose .25

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Men's, Ladies' and Children's Hose, in Cotton or Wool, 10c, 15c, 25c .50

Made of beautiful patterns of all silk in reversible or flouncing ends, each .25

Ladies' Venice Collars and Yokes, cream or white, Irish Crochet Collars and Yokes, splendid selec-

tion.

Handkerchiefs at 5c

Ladies all linen hemstitched Handkerchiefs, special value .5

Embroidered Handkerchiefs

Ladies' all linen embroidered, initial Ardines hand embroidered, Medina embroidered each .25

Handkerchiefs at 10c

Ladies all linen hemstitched initial Handkerchiefs, each .10

Umbrellas

Ladies and Gent's Umbrellas with best frames, gold, silver or natural wood handle, each

\$1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50

3.00 and 5.00

Ladies' long Kid Gloves in tan, black and white, per pair \$2.75 to 3.50

Ladies Gloves at .150

Ladies' silk lined Capes, Ladies' silk lined Mocha

Ladies' Dress Gloves in all colors and sizes, per pair 1.50

Ladies' and Children's wool Mittens, Ladies' fleece lined Cashmere Gloves

Ladies' and Children's Golf Gloves, each .25

Ladies' lined Kid Mittens, with fur top, Gent's Astrachan Gloves with

leather facing, boys tan or gray Gauntlets, children's lined Kid Mittens with fur tops, each .50

Men's lined Kid Gloves, Ladies' Cape Gloves, Gent's Cape Gloves, Ladies' Dress Gloves, in all shades and sizes per pair 1.00

Tapestry Cushion Covers

Extra quality Tapestry

Cushion Covers, with satine bottom, very desirable styles, each .25

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To the Public.

Probate Notice.

M. C. R. R.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

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Present: Hon. Wellington Batterson Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Daniel

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Samuel C. Hayward, brother having filed in said court his petition praying that the administration of said

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It is ordered, that the sixteenth day

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the forenoon, at said probate office, he

is hereby appointed for hearing

said petition.

It is further ordered that public

notice thereof be given by publication

of a copy of this order, for three suc-

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a newspaper printed and circulated in

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WELLINGTON BATTERSON,

Judge of Probate.

A true copy.

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